

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE
ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 2013
UU220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

- I. Minutes: The minutes of November 13 and November 27 were approved as presented.
- II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.
- III. Reports:
 - A. Academic Senate Chair: Rein reported that in mid-December the Semester Review Task Force provided a report on quarter to semester calendar conversion. In order to provide President Armstrong with an Academic Senate opinion, an e-meeting was held to agendaize the resolution that appears today as business item A. The resolution is in first reading status today and will return as second reading status on February 12.
 - B. President's Office: Kinsley thanked all the senators for meeting with President Armstrong last week to discuss the Semester Review Task Force report. President Armstrong along with Provost Enz Finken will be holding listening sessions during March and April. These sessions will allow for intimate dialogue with about 25 people at a time and will be used as opportunities to get a pulse of the campus and learn about what is happening on an individual level.
 - C. Provost: Enz Finken formally announced the retirement of Dean Susan Opava at the end of December 2012. Enz Finken wants to recognize Dean Opava for her many years of service to Cal Poly by providing leadership in the sponsored programs and graduate education areas. The Student Success Fee program is up and running and, as requested by the students, a great percentage of the money was allocated to instruction by providing extra sections, added courses, and additional seats. The proposals for next year are under discussion.
 - D. Vice President for Student Affairs: Allen reported that students are transitioning back very nicely. Keith Humphrey, new Vice President for Student Affairs, will be joining the Academic Senate soon.
 - E. Statewide Senate: LoCascio reported that some of the topics for discussion at the next meeting include the 180-unit upper limit on degree programs, State University Grants, and the nine-units above GE.
 - F. CFA Campus President: Thorncroft reported that CFA's executive board is concentrating on strategic planning for the rest of the year. One of the troubling issues with the budget continues to be the health care contribution and benefits.
 - G. ASI Representative: Morrow reported that ASI will be voting on a resolution to welcome Chancellor White, a resolution on inclusivity and diversity, and a resolution regarding the governor's budget. Ten applications have been received for the position of ASI Executive Director, previously held by Rick Johnson.

ASI Board of Directors will be meeting to decide on whether or not they want to conduct a campus-wide vote on the quarter to semester calendar conversion.

IV. Special Reports: none

V. Consent Agenda: none.

VI. Business Item(s):

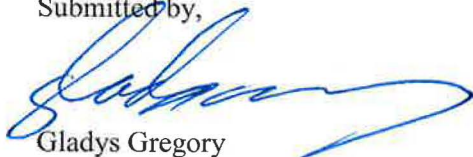
A. **Resolution on Academic Senate Response to the Semesters Review Task Force Report (Executive Committee):** Rein presented the resolution, which requests that the Academic Senate endorse the Semester Review Task Force Recommendation Report that Cal Poly not pursue a conversion from a quarter to a semester calendar. Resolution will return as a second reading item.

B. **Resolution on Voting status for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate (Executive Committee):** Rein presented the resolution, which would allow the Academic Senate to propose a revision to the *Constitution of the Faculty* to include the President of the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and the Chair of the ASI Board of Directors, or designees as ex officio voting members. Vote count: 21-15-2.
NOTE: After the Senate meeting it was brought to our attention by a former Senate parliamentarian that amendments to the *Constitution of the Faculty* require "a two-thirds majority of those present and voting" in order to pass (Article IV. Amendments). Although the Resolution on Voting Status for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate passed by a simple majority, it did not pass by a two-thirds majority and therefore cannot be forwarded to the General Faculty for referendum. M/S/F to approve the resolution.

VII. Discussion Item(s): none.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:35 pm

Submitted by,



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Academic Senate